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RF-4C SHOOT DOWN
HA NOI AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
21-03-20N 105-57-55E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF A USAF RF-4C RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVER HA NOI BY AN SA-2 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE.

2. LOCATION:

THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOT DOWN WAS IN THE VICINITY OF THE VILLAGE OF PHU DONG (21-03-20N 105-57-55E), JUST EAST OF HA NOI NEAR HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF MISSION [REDACTED] REVEALS THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FROM THE MISSILE LIFT OFF TO THE FINAL DESTRUCTION OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE MISSILE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM HA NOI SAM SITE A31-2 (159), WHICH IS LOCATED 5.5 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF HA NOI. INSET 1 DEPICTS THE MISSILE LIFT OFF WITH SAM SITE 159 IN THE BACKGROUND. INSET 2 DEPICTS THE MISSILE IN FLIGHT AND INSET 3 DEPICTS THE MISSILE AND THE RF-4C AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) AND PHU DONG VILLAGE. INSET 4 SHOWS THE DETONATION OF THE MISSILE AND INSET 5 REVEALS THE INITIAL AIRCRAFT EXPLOSION. INSETS 6 THROUGH 11 DEPICT THE SUBSEQUENT DESTRUCTION AND BREAKUP OF THE AIRCRAFT WITH A SECONDARY EXPLOSION OCCURRING IN INSET 8.

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT MAY INDICATE OTHERWISE.

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5. NOTE:

THE PHANTOM II (US NAVY AND USAF DESIGNATIONS: F-4 AND RF-4)
WAS DEVELOPED INITIALLY AS A TWIN-ENGINE, TWO-SEAT, LONG-RANGE, ALL-
WEATHER ATTACK FIGHTER FOR SERVICE WITH THE US NAVY. A MULTIPLE-
SENSOR RECONNAISSANCE VERSION WAS DEVELOPED FOR THE USAF WITH THREE
BASIC RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS: SIDE-LOOKING RADAR, INFRA-RED DETECTOR,
AND FORWARD AND SIDE-LOOKING CAMERAS. ²

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²JANE'S ALL THE WORLD'S AIRCRAFT 1966-67 (UNCLASSIFIED).

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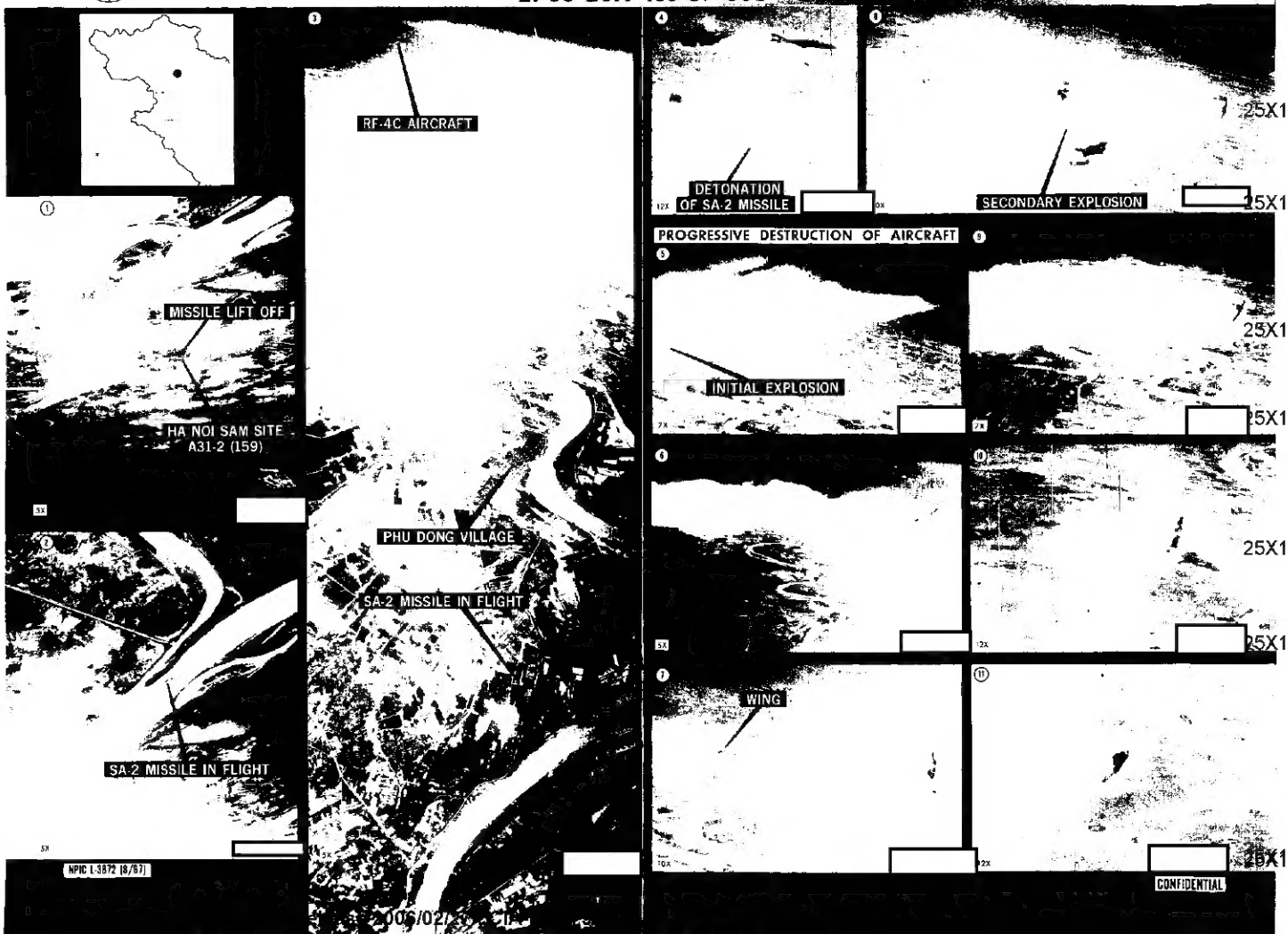
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